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Domingo 'Fraud' Cry Rings False To Most Latins

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SANTO DOMINGO, June 7—Communist radio and newspapers throughout the hemisphere—and the world—are crying "fraud" at the national elections here, but they are making an unusually buffoonish case for their arguments.

Radio Havana, for example, beamed out charges of "fraud," claiming that the indelible ink used to prevent double votes could "easily be removed with soap and water."

This reporter who dipped a finger to test the "stickability" of the ink—and the 1.3 million Dominicans who went to the polls surely know better. The ink, for all the soap and water, stays and stays.

IN ADDITION, a patch of hair was shaved from each voter's wrist to prevent double voting, which the Cuban radio does not mention.

A spurious story, also broadcast by Radio Havana, has two election delegates "kidnaped and murdered" and found dead in the Haina River. It says the two men were guarding boxes containing 40,000 Haina ballots.

Haina has a population of something under 25,000—if you count the dogs—and since dogs and those under 18 cannot vote, the Radio Havana charge has brought chuckles to many Dominicans.

In Montevideo, Uruguay, the Communist "El Popular" writes that "the murderers on the payroll of the Central Investigation Agency virtually held Juan Bosch a prisoner and prevented him from moving outside his home."

BOSCH, the liberal candidate, did stay in his house for fear of assassination, but his friends have made clear that it was from enemies of the extreme right and the extreme left that he anticipated trouble.

Hungarians got on-the-spot accounts from two correspondents, one from Hungarian Radio-TV, the other from the news agency "MTI." But the difference between the two reporters' work is a study in miniature of the continual schisms in the Communist world.

As received here from American monitoring stations abroad, the TV-radio man reported President-elect Joaquin Balaguer far ahead in the voting over Bosch and had only the mild comment that Balaguer was "right-wing." But his MTI colleague painted a different picture, more colorful, but far from accurate.

Thousands of voters were bought by partisans of victorious presidential candidate Joaquin Balaguer, said the Hungarian news agency. And hundreds of police dressed as civilians voted, said MTI.

IN FACT, the army and police are barred by law from voting, and there were representatives of anti-Balaguer parties at every polling place to make sure the 20,000 army men

Cuba's "Presna Latina" and other Communist organs in the hemisphere say President Johnson's congratulation of provisional President Hector Garcia Godoy was evidence of American support of Balaguer.

But it is well known here and elsewhere in Latin America that Garcia Godoy is a confirmed middle-of-the-roader who is responsible for kicking out of the Dominican Republic Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin, one of the most virulent militarists. And he scrupulously stayed impartial in the elections.

THE MOST powerful of the Communist parties here, the 4th of June Movement, failed even to elect a deputy and its poor showing means it can no longer be a certified political party.